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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before the above-captioned application is taken up for examination, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, after the title, insert

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

a1
This application is a divisional of U.S. application no. 09/386,607 filed on August 31, 1999, ^{U.S. Patent 6,162,628,} which is a continuation-in-part of PCT/DK99/00088 filed on February 26, 1999, and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 of Danish application no. 98/00269 filed on February 27, 1998, and U.S. provisional application no. 60/077,795 filed on March 12, 1998, the contents of which are fully incorporated herein by reference.

At page 3, line 30, insert the following:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURE

a2
Figure 1 shows the plasmid pLBei010, which contains the *Bacillus stearothermophilus* maltogenic amylase gene.